

This comment is in reference to the proposal to do away with the Morse code requirement in testing applicants for amateur radio licenses. I think that one of the most potentially important communication skills that an amateur radio op can learn is the ability to send and receive Morse code. In times of stress and emergency, Morse code will be a good method, and maybe the only method, that can be used to transmit messages. Please do not eliminate the requirement to test new applicants on this most important skill.